
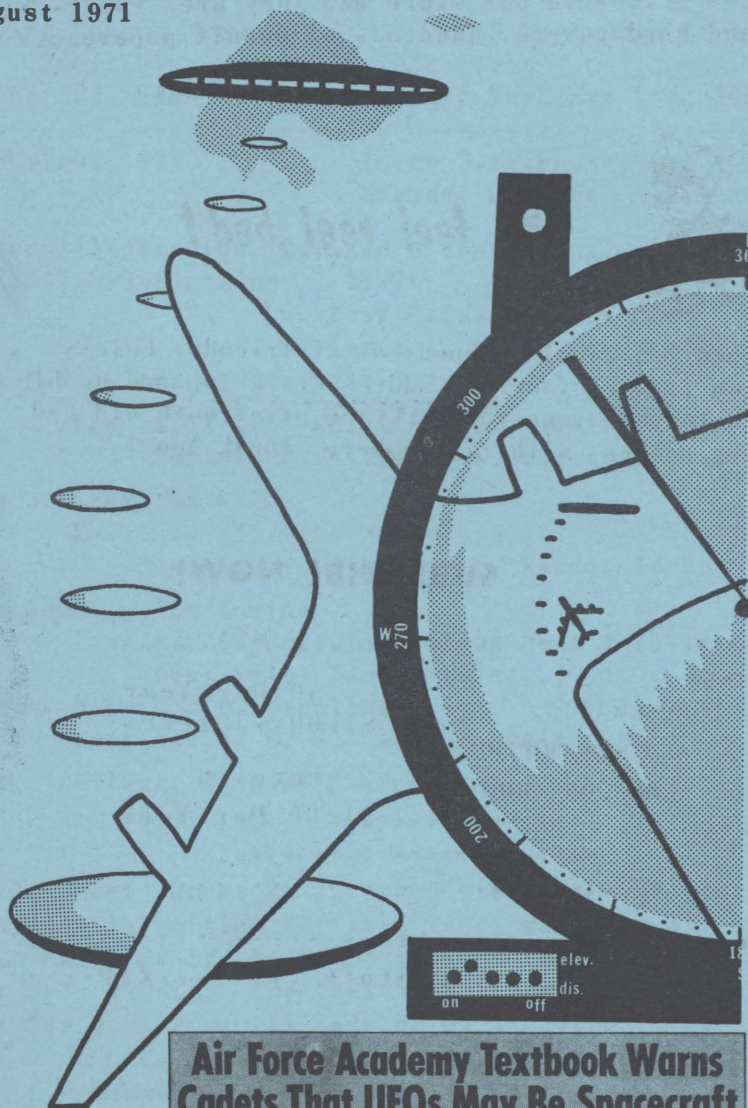


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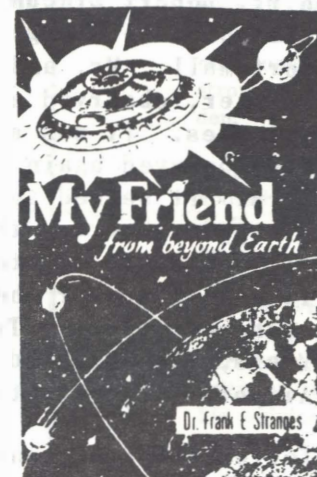
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In March, we had a UFO flap here in Logansport. After three of the many UFO sightings had been published in the local newspaper, the Air Base decided to get in on the action. They got the front page dismissing all the sightings as weather balloons. This is another of the 'half explanations' that only explain part of the sighting. In several cases the object traveled against the wind, which is impossible for a balloon. Mr. Robert Zinkan, a Jr. High teacher at Columbia, sighted an orange ball hovering over the Logansport Mall. Mr. and Mrs. Blume and their son and daughter, observed a UFO through binoculars, for 4-5 minutes. It was a whiteish-yellow sphere. It was observed again 30 min. later (8:30) by Kevin Walters. It seemed to be over the Eel River and general appearance was that of a white pea. One hour later it was again sighted by Tracy Vernon. He stated it also was over the Eel River and was a white star shaped object. Two police officers Smith and Myers, also sighted a white light over the Municipal Airport. The sighting took place March 13.

A red fireball followed White County man (Eugene Philo) home on the night of Feb. 15. The object always stayed behind him, and when he stopped so did the object. Marshal Dave Hornbeck also saw it.

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AURORA, WISE COUNTY, April 17th, 1897 (Note the date IS 1897) a happening occurred in the small Texas town which is still talked about in "old timer" reunions.

It was 6 o'clock in the morning when early risers were astonished at the sudden appearance of "an airship" which had been reported "sailing throughout the country."

"It sailed directly over the public square. When it reached the north part of town, it collided with the tower of Judge Proctor's windmill and went to pieces with a terrific explosion, scattering debris over several acres of ground, wrecking the windmill and water tank and destroying the Judge's flower garden."

"The pilot of the ship is supposed to have been the only one aboard. His remains were badly disfigured, but enough of the original has been picked up to show he was not an inhabitant of this world."

"Mr. T. J. Weems, U.S. Signal Service at Aurora, and an authority of astronomy, gives it as his opinion that he — the pilot — was a native of the Planet Mars."

"Papers found — are written in some unknown hieroglyphics . . . This ship was too badly wrecked to form any conclusion as to its construction or motive power."

"The town is full of people today who are viewing the wreck and gathering specimens of strange metal from the debris. The pilot's funeral will take place at noon tomorrow," according to the Dallas Morning News of that date.

The newspaper was printed six years before the Wright Brothers made their historic flight at Kitty Hawk.

Air Force Academy Textbook Warns Cadets That UFOs May Be Spacecraft Operated by Aliens From Other Worlds

By LLOYD MALLAN

A textbook used by the Air Force Academy to teach cadets warns them that Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) could be real spacecraft operated by alien peoples who are closely watching the world.

"The most stimulating theory for us is that UFOs are material objects which are either 'manned' or remote-controlled by beings who are alien to this planet," states Volume II of "Introductory Space Science."

"The best thing to do is to keep an open and skeptical mind — and not take an extreme position on any side of the question," the physics textbook advises future Air Force officers. A spokesman for the Air Force Academy confirmed that it was currently being used as a textbook.

The ENQUIRER learned of the textbook — edited by Major Donald G. Carpenter — through UFO researcher Earl J. Neff of Cleveland, who obtained a copy of it after much effort.

"Believe me, this book was not easy to acquire," Neff said. "I tried for six months. This is a book that the Air Force just does not want to get out — because it is embarrassing to them. It is contrary to what they are telling the American people."

Air Force Headquarters itself — after more than 20 years — has officially closed the books on its project to investigate UFOs, saying that there has not been enough scientific evidence that the strange craft are either real or any threat to U.S. security.

But the Academy, in Colorado Springs, Colo., is telling its future officers that certain data "suggests the existence of at least three and maybe four different groups of aliens (possibly at different stages of development)."

In a 14-page chapter devoted exclusively to UFOs, the textbook warns that scientific studies of the UFO mystery have so far been based on man's present limited knowledge of physics — and that what we know now may not apply to UFOs.

"One thing that must be guarded against in any such study is the trap of implicitly assuming that our knowledge of physics (or any other branch of science) is complete," the textbook says, concluding:

"We should not deny the possibility of alien control of UFOs on the basis of preconceived notions.

"This leaves us with the unpleasant possibility of alien visitors to our planet, or at least of alien-controlled UFOs."

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UFO RESEARCHER

Earl J. Neff acquired Air Force Academy textbook, which includes chapter on UFOs.

According to the textbook: "If such beings (aliens) are visiting the earth, two questions arise: 1) why haven't they attempted to contact us officially, and 2) why haven't there been accidents which would have revealed their presence?"

"Why no contact? That question is very easy to answer in any of several ways:

"(1) - We may be the object of intensive sociological and psychological study. In such studies you usually avoid disturbing the test subjects' environment.

"(2) You do not contact a colony of ants — and humans may seem that way to any aliens (variation: a zoo is fun to visit, but you don't 'contact' the lizards).

"(3) Such contact may have already taken place secretly, and may have taken place on a different plane of awareness — and we are not yet sensitive to communications on such a plane."

The Academy textbook then gives an example of a possible attempt by aliens from another world to contact humans:

"On Sunday evening, 21 August 1955, eight adults and three children were on the Sutton Farm (one-half mile from Kelly, Ky.) when, according to them, one of the children saw a brightly glowing UFO settle behind the barn, out of sight from where he stood.

"Other witnesses on nearby farms also saw the object. However, the Suttons dismissed it as a 'shooting star' and did not investigate.

"Approximately 30 minutes later (at 8 p.m.), the family dogs began barking. So two of the men went to the back door and looked out. Approximately 50 feet away and coming toward them was a creature wearing a glowing silvery suit.

"It was about 3½-feet tall, with a large round head and very long arms. It had large webbed hands, which were equipped with claws.

"The two Suttons grabbed a 12-gauge shotgun and a .22 caliber pistol — and fired at close range. They could hear the pellets and bullet ricochet, as if off metal. The creature was knocked down, but jumped up and scrambled away.

"The Suttons retreated into the house, turned off all inside lights and turned on the porch light. At that moment one of the women who was peeking out of the dining-room window discovered that a creature with some sort of helmet and wide slit-eyes was peeking back at her.

"She screamed. The men rushed in and started shooting. The creature was knocked backwards, but again scrambled away without apparent harm.

"More shooting occurred (a

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total of about 50 rounds) over the next
20 minutes and the creatures finally
left."

The textbook also cites the case of
Police Sergeant Lonnie Zamora at
Socorro, N. Mex., who was on patrol
April 24, 1964, when he was startled
by a loud roar that sounded like an
explosion.

He drove his patrol car up over
the side of a hill to investigate it.

He "was forced to stop about 150
yards from a deep gully in which there
appeared to be an overturned car. He
radioed that he was investigating a
possible wreck."

Zamora walked to the edge of the
gully, expecting to help the victims in
the "wrecked car," the textbook con-
tinues: "He was amazed to see that it
was not a car but instead was a weird
egg-shaped object about 15 feet long,
white in color and resting on short
metal legs.

"Beside it, unaware of his presence,
were two humanoids (human-like
creatures from other planets) dressed
in silvery coveralls. They seemed to
be working on a portion of the under-
side of the object.

"Zamora was still standing there,
surprised, when they suddenly noticed
him and dove out of sight around the
object."

He was frightened and ran toward
his car to escape. Before he entered
the patrol car, he glanced back, the

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textbook says. "A bright blue flame,
shot down from the underside of the
object. Within seconds the egg-shaped
thing rose out of the gully with an 'ear-
splitting roar.' The object was out of
sight over the nearby mountains al-
most immediately . . .

"Zamora was moving in the oppo-
site direction almost as fast when he
met Sergeant Sam Chavez, who was
responding to Zamora's earlier radio
calls.

"Together they investigated the
gully and found the bushes charred
and still smoking where the blue flame
had jetted down on them.

"About the charred area were four
deep marks where the metal legs had
been. Each mark was 3½-inches deep
and circular in shape.

"The sand in the gully was very
hard-packed, so no sign of the human-
oids' footprints could be found.

"An official investigation was
launched that same day, and all data
obtained supported the stories by
Zamora and Chavez," the textbook
reported.

The investigation was carried out by
Project Blue Book, the official Air
Force UFO investigation organization
— which has since been dropped at
the suggestion of Dr. Edward U. Con-
don at the University of Colorado,
who was paid \$554,000 by the Air Force
to study whether UFOs were real.

"It's a bunch of damn nonsense!"
Dr. Condon told Air Force Headquar-
ters in the Pentagon.

But Lt. Colonel Hector Quintanilla,
Jr., who was then Chief of Project
Blue Book and personally investigated
the case, told The ENQUIRER:

"Zamora's UFO sighting was the
best documented case of the 13,000
UFO cases I studied while at Project
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UFO 'Seen for Week' at Horseshoe Bend

HORSESHOE BEND — The unidentified flying object reportedly sighted Sunday night by residents in Boise and Pocatello is nothing new to people in Horseshoe Bend. They've been watching the UFO for almost a week.

Mrs. Joan Adams, Horseshoe Bend, said residents of that area first saw the UFO about 7-7:15 p.m. last Wednesday night. "We watched it for about an hour until it finally dis-

appeared," she said Monday. "It was very large and bright. There were flashing red, blue and clear lights, and we could definitely see the light rays. "It positively was not a helicopter or airplane, because it held the same position more than an hour."

Mrs. Adams said the UFO appeared again Thursday and Friday nights in approximately the same position — east or slightly southeast of

Horseshoe Bend — although viewing was hampered by fog.

On Saturday, she said, the UFO appeared in about the same position, "then went straight up into the sky until we couldn't see it, then came back down and got larger, then would disappear again.

"It had a continually flash-

ing light," she said. "About 12 people were watching it." Viewers also used surveyor's transits to watch the UFO.

Mrs. Adams said her husband — watching through a transit Thursday night — said the object appeared to be round, and had a definite

red light at the bottom, with blue, green and white lights flashing around its circumference.

Paul Kiepe, a Boise man interested in UFOs, planned to drive to Horseshoe Bend Monday night to join area residents in watching for the hoped-for reappearance of whatever-it-was.

Buffalo Eve. News, Feb. 13, 1971

Saucers Are Coming, UFO Researcher Warns

By JEFF SIMON

Jet airliners scooped out of the sky "as easy as a hawk would a chicken"; a Brazilian town suffering a kidnapping epidemic with teen-age children mysteriously disappearing; and people vanishing in their own backyards while mowing the lawn.

All these events (and a bewildering barrage of others) could be the dire doings of extra-terrestrial malevolence, according to a diminutive Eden woman who is the founder and director of the Allied Saucers Association.

In a Friday evening speech to Understanding Unit 37 in the International Institute, Mrs. Doris L. Fickelsher talked for two hours about her research into the realm of the "paranormal" and Unidentified Flying Objects.

WHILE DISCOVERING such trends as "dogs and cats disappearing at a great rate" and such events as seven-year-old boys disappearing forever in the Great Smokey Mountains, Mrs. Fickelsher came to some interesting conclusions.

"So many of these things seem to take place on the 24th of the month and on Wednesdays," she said.

Before the meeting she talked about the experience which sent her foraging through data and keeping her eyes on the heavens.

It was five years ago, "about 3 AM on a summer night. My two boys were sleeping on the front porch and I was gazing up at the sky."

* * *

"I SAW this red light coming

in from the Thruway. It started low and came closer and at first I thought it was an airplane. But it was huge, grayish in color, like two soup-bowls together.

"I flashed a flashlight on it and it disappeared without a smell or sound. The blankets just flew off the children."

From there she went into founding ASA and "39" subsequent UFO sightings.

The organization's motto is "an informed public is a prepared public" explained by Mrs. Fickelsher.

Although admitting that many who "believe in flying saucers" think they will bring a kind of Second Coming of "starry salvation to a troubled world", Mrs. Fickelsher said there has been great evidence that aliens are on earth to perform hostile acts of violence.

"I'D LIKE to keep the religious aspect out of this," she said.

But before describing her own experience with the otherworldly she declared:

"I fear not God nor man in stating the following . . . Some will say I seek publicity but it's the last thing I want. . . . Listen and listen well and beware. My secrets have been a long time waiting to be revealed."

Though the belief is not shared by all A.S.A. members, she said the day will come when cigar-shaped, dome-shaped, bell-shaped craft will hover over earth to launch a hostile invasion.

As the ASA motto says, "an informed public is a prepared public."

UFO Sighting in the Bronx, New York City

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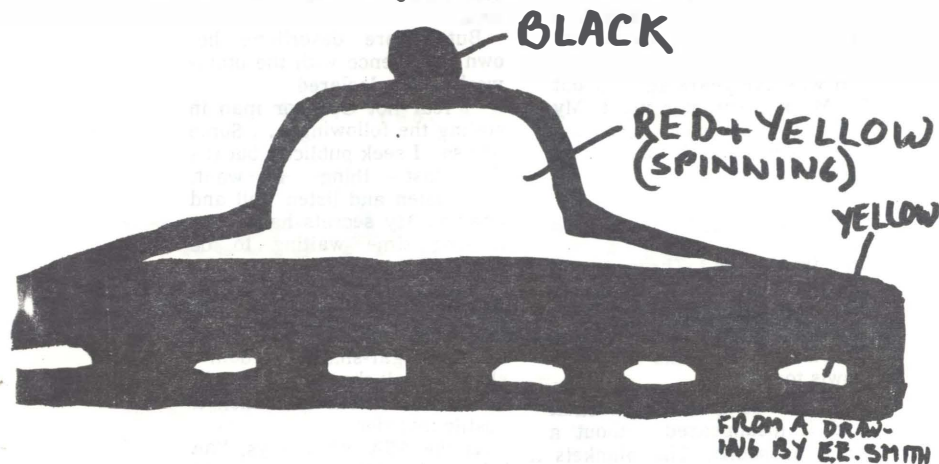
"After doing my week's laundry, I was pulling my shopping cart down 224th Street in the Northeast part of the Bronx. It was a cold, clear night, between 8:00 and 8:30 PM. As my son and I reached our home, my boy yelled out, 'Look, a flying saucer, Mommie!'

"Before looking, I had a preconceived idea, but it was not what I'd thought. There it was! Red and yellow swirling colors with a black knob on top. A large spinning top in the sky about a block away.

"We ran to get the other members of the family after watching a few moments, but when we returned, it was gone."

--as told to E.E. Smith
by D.A. Patterson
(with slight paraphrasing
on the part of the editors)

illustration of the object below:



This is the third NYC UFO sighting to come to our attention in four months. A classic UFO was seen over Central Park (Manhattan) during an outdoor concert in September (from ANOMALY, John A. Keel, editor), and heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali reported seeing a bright object in the east on the morning of 12/1/70 as he was doing roadwork in Central Park. A number of other citizens reported the UFO, which was explained to be Venus by Dr. Franklin Branley of the Hayden Planetarium.

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REVIEWS OF NEW BOOKS

--Michael Lindner

INVISIBLE RESIDENTS, by Ivan T. Sanderson; World Publishing Company, 1970; 248 pages, index, \$7.50

Ivan T. Sanderson, zoologist and author of such Fortean works as UNINVITED VISITORS, 'THINGS,' and MORE 'THINGS,' has given us a book dealing with mysteries of the oceans and seas.

"Intelligent life has evolved on land," states Sanderson, "But could it have evolved beneath the ocean too.?" Before you laugh, better review some of the evidence this distinguished Fortean lays before you. Most UFO buffs believe that the daring discs are spacecraft from another planet--what are the chances that at least some are built by the "oceanic intelligence" mentioned before? A surprisingly large percentage of UAOS (Sanderson's designation for what are usually called UFOs in the literature) are reported as entering or leaving bodies of water. There are other reasons for thinking that we might not be alone on Earth:

A very curious little trinket from South America that seems to be an artist's impression of some kind of "subaquaplane." Oddly enough, this little item was made at least 1000 years ago!

The submerged "lightwheels" of the Indian Ocean, i.e. huge ribbons of light revolving and emanating from a "spoke." What, we wonder, causes these? Sanderson gives this enigma thought and comes up with some surprising possibilities.

Certain singular occurrences that have taken place in the misnamed "Bermuda Triangle" and other areas of odd disappearances.

The peculiar behavior of "water babies," Sanderson's name for those UAOS that come or go from fresh water bodies.

In Part II of this work, Sanderson goes one step beyond most other authors and gives the results of much painstaking research and map analysis by him and his associates. Some of the information, such as the existence of other "Bermuda Triangle" type areas throughout the world, has been published in his other books, but it acquires new significance here when considered in the light of these other phenomena.

The author probes deeply into some possible physical explanations of these various anomalies, and within the frame work of his original assumptions, he does a good job. However, Sanderson seems to be in the habit

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of making abstruse metaphysical and philosophical statements and prefacing them with "of course." Frankly, I did not see all of conclusions logically following through, and some of his statements seem to be plain wrong. For example, he states at one points that poltergeists devote themselves, for the most part, to pointless, destructive and stupid actions, forgetting that we have no knowledge of the poltergeist's motivations and goals. To use one of his own analogies, ants would think that men are being stupid and destructive when wrecking the ants' nest to break ground for a new building. By the time the building is erected, the ants would all be dead, so they would never know that our actions were directed towards a constructive end.

The final part of the book is devoted towards some fascinating philosophical speculation on the nature of the postulated controlling force behind the anomalies. The OINTS (Other Intelligences) might be millions of years ahead of us in evolution by dint of their aquatic nature (more time to develop), and might have abandoned thinking as we humans abandoned instinct when we developed reason. A bit reminiscent of Shaver and Keel's ultraterrestrials, and all of it fascinating. If (when, I hope) you read this one, I think you'll agree with me.

 THE SILVER BRIDGE, by Gray Barker, Saucerian Publishers, 1970, 160 pages, \$6.95.

Gray Barker will be familiar to our readers as the editor of SAUCER NEWS and the author of the classic work on MIB manifestations, THEY KNEW TOO MUCH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS. In his new book, he concerns himself with the strange Ohio Valley/Point Pleasant manifestations that broke out in the fall of 1966 with the appearance of a ten-foot birdlike creature called "Mothman." Mothman apparently was "based" in an area of the abandoned World War II ammunition dump outside the small town of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and it displayed a curious penchant for persuing cars fleeing at speeds up to 100mph, terrorizing couples in Lover's Lanes, and generally instituting a reign of terror along the lonely country roads of the area.

Barker relates first-hand accounts of encounters with Mothman, the Men in Black (yes, they showed up, too), and the waves of UFO sightings that erupted concurrently with the creature's appearances.

The most significant thing about this book is, to my mind, not the information contained therein--as important as it may prove to be--but Barker's style. He does not write in the usual manner of the UFO/Forcean author ("Mr. X saw a flying flattop on the corner of Ace and Spade Streets in Tin, Kansas on Friday, 12/4/42

blah, blah, blah), but deals with the subjective, personal effects of the UFO experience upon individuals. This ties in well with the "new ufology" as propounded by Jerome Clark, John Keel, Jacques Vallee, et al., but Barker displays none of the continuity shown by others who delve into the enigma. His writing is undeniably beautiful in spots, but this objective is of questionable importance when his dreamlike prose makes it difficult to separate the facts from overused poetic license. The role of a UFO book, in my opinion, is to set the facts forward in a straightforward manner so we can hopefully make progress in unravling the mystery. If one wishes to indulge in the type of writing Barker presents in THE SILVER BRIDGE, he should turn to the booming science fiction market. So says one half of me, but.....

This is a frustrating book to review because the "literature-loving" side of me wishes to praise Gray's abilities to use language and give his prose the wings of poetry, but I can't honestly state that I think this book will add very much to our understanding of UFOs on an overtly objective level. But Barker has, I believe, effectively reconstructive the nightmare atmosphere ordinary citizens find themselves floating in when they become involved in the UFO/harrassment fantasy world. Unfortunately, although the book is excellent is viewed from that perspective, it fails to offer clear deliniations between the facts and not-always-obvious fiction episodes. Much of the book is reminiscent, from a stylistic point of view, of science-fiction/fantasy writer Ray Bradbury, or of some of the work of H.P. Lovecraft.

So what will you get from this book? Well, you'll enjoy reading it if you are any sort of s-f or fantasy buff, but if you are a fan of Major Keyhoe or Coral Lorenzen, better stay away because you won't like the very obvious psychic overtones of many of the events. And the price: unless you are a wealthy private collector, you will find seven bucks for 160 pages is a bit steep. Jim Moseley, in OUTERMOST, stated that the book will be published in paperback sometime this year, but with some portions deleted. Frankly, I think you'd be better off waiting for the paperback and taking your chances on missing something significant than shelling 17 seven bucks for an entertaining, well-written non-classic.

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A flashing globe
streaks toward the
planet and starts to
circumscribe it in
a spiraling orbit. The globe
splits and a small black cylinder
drops toward the surface
of the glowing body. As
the cylinder descends, the
luminescence increases until
the planet seems to be inflamed.
A light flashes in the
cockpit and a mechanical voice
dictates some type of warning
about intense radiation.
Pairs of eyes stare quietly at the
planet which is scorched by
radioactivity. The cylinder
scurries back to the globe and
vanishes into blackness, leaving behind
forever the seething phosphorescence.
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